

Memorandum

To: Deputy District Directors for
Planning and Public Transportation

Date: February 14, 2002

Attn: Regional Planning Branch Chiefs

From: **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
Division of Transportation Planning

Subject: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Metropolitan Planning (PL) allocations
for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001/2002

Attached is a chart with the final FHWA PL allocations for FY 2001/2002 by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

For twelve of the MPOs this allocation is lower than the amount listed in the chart on page 1 of the Overall Work Program (OWP) Guidance dated December 4, 2001. These twelve MPOs need to amend out any overage encumbered through their OWPs and Overall Work Program Agreements (OWPAs). The four MPOs whose allocation is higher, may either amend in these amounts and the activities they will fund, or they may elect to carry over these amounts for expenditure in a subsequent year.

The last date to submit OWP and OWPA amendments to the California Department of Transportation (Department), Districts, and the Office of Regional and Interagency Planning in Headquarters, is April 1, 2002.

There are two reasons why the allocations MPOs' 2001/2002 are different: the total PL apportioned to California was reduced, and the 2000 U.S. Census changed California Department of Finance (DOF) population estimates.

In December 2001, FHWA provided a PL apportionment Notice showing California's amount as \$30,064,602.00, i.e., the amount reflected in the *OWP Guidance*. FHWA later cancelled the Notice with this amount and issued a new Notice showing California's apportionment at \$30,042,000.00, a reduction of \$22,000.00.

Each MPO's allocation of PL is based on a three-component formula: a base amount, a population total using DOF's January estimates, and an air quality multiplier for nonattainment areas.

DOF's January population estimates are based on the latest census, with additional data such as automobile registrations, etc., factored-in for subsequent years. DOF's January 2001 estimate was based on the 1990 Census numbers because 2000 Census numbers were not yet available.

When the 2000 Census numbers became available, DOF revised its estimates, for later years in the 1990s, as well as for 2000 and 2001. The February 2002 DOF estimate for January 2001 is based on the 2000 Census plus an "undercount" adjustment, which the federal government has disallowed. DOF will again recalculate its January 2001 estimates using 2000 Census actual count numbers, but these new population numbers will not be available for several weeks.

Because MPOs need to have sufficient time to complete additional activities if they add funds to their OWPs or need time to reprioritize work if funds are being reduced in their OWPs, we determined to use DOF's February 2002 estimates for January 2001 for the MPOs' PL allocations for 2001/2002.

The change in PL Notice by FHWA and the population recalculations by DOF resulted in twelve MPOs having lower allocations. These MPOs must amend out the overages in their OWPs and OWPAs prior to April 1, 2002. The four MPOs whose apportionment is higher, may elect to expend these funds in a later year.

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FHWA Metropolitan Planning (PL) Allocation for FFY 2001/2002

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	\$13,176,988
Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)	\$5,315,226
San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)	\$2,431,368
Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)	\$1,782,282
Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG)	\$929,030
Kern Council of Governments (KCOG)	\$830,582
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)	\$822,438
San Joaquin County Council of Governments (SJCOG)	\$757,797
Stanislaus Area Association of Governments (StanCOG)	\$653,947
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCOG)	\$612,824
Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)	\$584,144
Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)	\$469,545
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG)	\$460,950
Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG)	\$453,906
Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (Shasta)	\$414,469
Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO)	\$348,758
Grand Total	\$30,044,254

The formula for PL funds is divided into three components: (1) a base allocation, (2) an air quality component based on the proportion of Congestion Mitigation /Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to total programmatic PL fund sources, and (3) a population component based upon January 2001 Department of Finance estimate, which distributes funds by proportion of total population of each MPO. These funds are only available on a reimbursement basis.